

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph at page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This object is achieved by a heat exchanger unit, in particular for a motor vehicle, comprising at least one heat exchanger, having tubes and heat-transfer fins, and having at least one side part, which comprises a baseplate and at least one reinforcing fin, characterized in that at least one reinforcing fin is formed by a deformed center piece of the surface of the baseplate. According to this embodiment, a heat exchanger unit comprises at least one heat exchanger. The heat exchanger unit may also comprise two, three or more heat exchangers. The heat exchanger unit has tubes through which at least one first medium can flow and around which a second medium can flow, so that heat transfer from the at least one first medium to the second medium or vice versa is possible. To increase the heat-transfer surface area, heat-transfer fins which are in thermal contact with the tubes are arranged between the tubes.

Please replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph at page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The object of the invention is also achieved by a process for producing a side part for a heat exchanger unit comprising at least one heat exchanger, characterized by the process steps of a) providing an areal metal sheet having a width b which is substantially equal to a width of the side part, b) precutting sections of an edge of at least one piece of the surface of the metal sheet, and c) deforming the at least one piece of the surface out of a plane which is predetermined by the areal metal sheet, to form at least one reinforcing fin. A basic idea of the invention is to use an areal metal sheet whose dimensions do not exceed a baseplate of the subsequent side part when producing the side part, so that material can be saved compared to previously known production processes. Reinforcing fins are formed from existing pieces of the surface of the metal sheet. For this purpose, in each case one edge of a piece of the surface is precut in sections, after which the piece of the surface is deformed out of a plane that is predetermined by the metal sheet.